A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The question is still under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I know when the Government are likely to come to a decision on this matter ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I hope to do so in the course of a month or so."

Removal of bar of 13 years' permanent service rule for increment in the case of Subordinate Judges and District Munsifs.

* 96 *Q.*—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have come to any and, if so, what decision in regard to the removal of the bar of 13 years' permanent service rule for increment in the case of subordinate judges and district munsifs referred to in my question No. 1582, dated 1st March 1929 ; and

(*b*) if not, why not ?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 95.

Delays in the disposal of cases in Civil Courts.

* 97 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether, with reference to the observations in G.O. No. 30, Law (General), dated 3rd January 1929, as to delays in the disposal of suits in the Courts of District Munsifs and Subordinate Judges the High Court has taken any measures to reduce the long pendency of litigation in the courts ?

A.—The Government have no reason to believe that the hon. the Judges have not taken any measures with reference to the suggestion of the Government.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I enquire whether the Government have enquired as to what steps have been taken by the High Court ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No, Sir."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether there has been any increase effected in the disposal of cases ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" It is not possible to know."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" Apart from the nature of the answer, may I ask whether the Government have satisfied themselves that the High Court has taken steps in the matter ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The Government have no information."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Will the hon. Member make the necessary enquiry and find out whether the High Court has taken the necessary steps ? "